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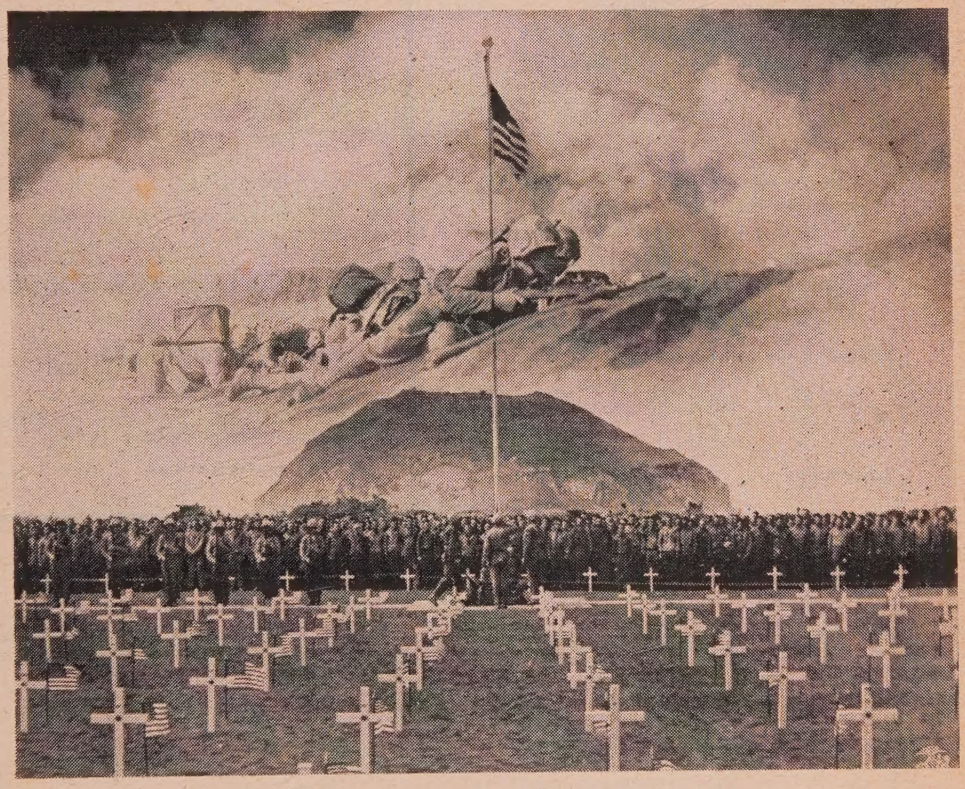

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Christians demand an end of power politics in international relations. This is no game our diplomats are playing as they maneuver for advantage. War is just what Sherman said.

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Our cover picture is technically called a "photomontage." It shows the marines hitting the beach at Iwo Jima on D-Day. It also shows the memorial service at the 5th Marine Cemetery in the shadow of Suribachi Yama. It was at a service like this our own Chaplain Louis Valbracht presided. It is time we are reminded of the price of war. It is human to forget and the world is fast drifting into the same old political game. Let us remember that it is "Peace — or Else!" Getting tough with each other leads straight to new Iwo Jimas.

OFFICIAL NOTICE!

FIFTEENTH

BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE

BROTHERHOOD OF

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN AMERICA

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Notice is hereby given that the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, October 2-3-4, 1946. The opening Brotherhood Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. (Standard Time) Wednesday, October 2nd in the Luther Memorial Church, The Rev. E. Maclay Gearhart, pastor. The Convention Headquarters will be located in the Ford Hotel, Erie, Pa., with the Convention Sessions to be held in the Masonic Temple, Erie, Pennsylvania, starting Thursday morning, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and continuing through Friday, October 4th. A Brotherhood Officers' Conference will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 2nd at 3:00 o'clock. The Convention Banquet, to which ladies are invited, will be held on Thursday evening, October 3rd, in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple.

Harold D. Foster, Secretary.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

Peace Priorities

I planned an ultra-modern home
when priorities were lifted . . .
But a Belgian woman whispered, "I
have no home at all!"
I dreamed of a country place for lux-
urious week-ends . . .
But a Latvian lad keeps saying, "I
have no country!"
I decided on a new cupboard right
now . . .
But a child of China cried out, "I have
no cup!"
I started to purchase a new kind of
washing machine . . .
But a Polish woman said softly, "I
have nothing to wash!"
I wanted a quick-freezing unit for
storing quantities of food . . .
But across the waters came the cry,
"I have no food!"
I ordered a new car for the pleasure
of my loved ones . . .
But a war orphan, murmured, "I have
no loved ones!"

—MAYME GARNER MILLER *in Epiphany Herald*

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Erie
Pittsburgh and Cleveland will be the important cities Lutheranly speaking this October. There will be many vital decisions made. Let us pray that they will mean a stronger ULCA and a more united Lutheran church in America. We must rise above our personal differences in the interests of a united attack on the forces of secularism in our world today.

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A gentleman entered a Chinese shop to purchase tea. He found, to his amazement, that five pounds of a certain tea cost two dollars and a half, whereas ten pounds of the same brand cost seven dollars and a half.

The gentleman protested at these prices, but the shopkeeper insisted that they were perfectly logical. As he put it:

"More buy, more rich—more rich, more can pay."—Christian Observer.

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Publication
is getting back on the beam after the disastrous fire that struck Lehigh Printing Co. at Bethlehem, Pa. Our Lutheran men will deeply sympathize with Mr. Schaffer, owner of the plant, for his loss was great. Issues are now being printed at his Allentown plant. Mr. Schaffer has done all possible to continue our schedule.

He who waits upon fortune is never sure of a dinner.—Benjamin Franklin.

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The memory
of J. Milton Deck will be honored so long as Lutheran men are organized for service. His contribution to our Brotherhood and to the Federation was immeasurable. Personally he was a real friend. No layman had a better working knowledge of his Bible. Our prayers are for comfort to his bereaved and for more men to step forward into the vacant places in our ranks.

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Blessed is the man who can work another man's plan when his own has been turned down. —Christian Advocate.

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The story
of Etobon, France, is tragic. Because of the death of a German officer, 42 of the men of the town were brutally whipped and shot down. Dr. Clifford Nelson, Comissioner from the American Section of the Lutheran World Convention, visited the town and saw the little cemetery where the victims are buried. He writes "It is an encouragement to find that plain people do not harbor bitter hatred of their enemy. I have found much more violent and passionate hatred toward our erstwhile enemies among people at home in America than among those villagers." The lesson is clear.

Jackie: Ma, when we have company for dinner today have I gotta eat my pie with a fork?

Ma: Yes, indeed you do.

Jackie: Well, have you got enough pie so I could practice a while before the company comes, Ma?—Christian Union Herald.

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The rights
of the ULCA boards and agencies come at times into conflict with actions of the executive board. Such differences are always solved by democratic processes. The conventions of the ULCA have final authority. One such difference was settled for this biennium by action of the Minneapolis convention. It is to come up again at Cleveland. The executive board questions the policy of boards like that of Social Missions and the Parish and Church School Board to invite auditors into their meetings and to coopt specialists outside the board to sit on committees. For instance, The Children of the Church is under direction of a committee on children's work. All its actions are subject to the Parish and Church School Board, but the members of that board do not have special talents for children's work. It seems good policy to appoint a committee that does. Again citing this board, representatives of the Brotherhood, Luther League and W. M. S. are invited to attend board sessions. Full time educational secretaries of the synods are also invited. Their presence has been wholly helpful, for the work of the board is closely related to their work. By attendance they can fully understand the board program. They often offer helpful suggestions for closer cooperation. There are always executive sessions of the board where matters of intimate interest to the board are settled. To halt this practice would in our judgment seriously hamper the development of workable parish programs. It is our hope that the convention will repeat the action as at Minneapolis and leave such matters to the elected boards for their decision.

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Teacher: Among our spelling words for today, children, we find the word "hence." Now, Tommy, give me a sentence with "hence."

Tommy: Hence are female chickens.—Biblical Recorder.

Church architecture
is another problem in a day when hundreds of our churches are planning new buildings or extensive alterations. There is a ULCA committee on church architecture. The Board of American Missions has a department aiding its missions in planning and building. The Parish and Church School Board has a new department headed by a secretary in training to advise with regard to educational plants. Certainly it would be good to combine these agencies, preserving the special interests of mission boards and educational board, but giving all churches one office to which they can turn for advice.

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Tired of waiting for the store clerk to pay her some attention, a little girl called: "Hey, my father is home waiting for his breakfast."

The Clerk: "What can I do for you?"

"I want a bar of soap, a bottle of ammonia, and a can of lye."—Christian Observer.

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A new hymn book
is in prospect for at least three of our general bodies. The American Lutheran Church, Augustana and the ULCA have already cooperated in the Christian Growth Course. Now it seems quite possible that they will agree on a new hymnal. We are all for it. It will be an added spur toward unity. We can afford to miss a few hymns and even change the musical setting of the service, if it will help to bind us together. The common service book is older than the ULCA. It had much to do with making the merger of 1918 possible.

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"Is old Angus a typical Scotsman?"

"Is he? He's saved all his toys for his second childhood!"—Watchman-Examiner.

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Christian Herald
has again turned to the editor for comments on the Sunday School lessons. They were discontinued for a number of months in the thought that since the International Lessons were no longer uniform, the department would appeal only to a small percent of the readers. So many requests were made for the continuance of the department that September issue will see them in place again.

How Old Are You?

Age is a quality of mind.
If you have left your dreams behind,
If hope is lost,
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambitions' fires are dead—
Then you are old.

But if from life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the jest,
If love you hold,
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old!

Edward Tuck in
"Pension News"

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Wittenberg College
is to have a new chapel, the gift of Mr. and Ms. Elgar Weaver, Brookville, Ohio. The donations will total over half a million dollars. For many years these devoted friends have been showing their confidence in Wittenberg. The observatory is their gift and many other smaller gifts are to their credit. President Tullos is thus realizing one of his long-time purposes, to provide for a chapel and religious center for the college to which he has given his life. One of the entrances will be a reproduction of the "Theses Door" of the castle-church at Wittenberg, Germany.

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George was the most bashful lad in the village. So the family were astonished when he told them one evening that he was going courting.

After spending over an hour getting ready, he set out.

In half an hour he returned, looking well pleased with himself.

"You're back soon," said his mother. "How did you get on?"

"All right," replied George, with a grin.

"Did you see her?"

"I sure did," said George, still grinning. "And if I hadn't ducked down quick behind the hedge, she would have seen me, too, maybe!"—Clipped

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Dr. Daniel Nelson
reports the purchase of a plane for mission work in China. He offers these three advantages: 1. Air travel is cheapest in China today. 2. It is by for the quickest transportation. 3. It is also by far the safest, for China's highways and railroad are in "terrible condition" and there is constant danger from bandits. If good for China, why not for many more of our mission fields?

"This apple has a fishy flavor." "It's a crab apple."—The Watchword.

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Recently
we wrote an article for The Lutheran questioning the policy of our armed services in providing equipment and information that would make adultery "safe." A number of letters have been received supporting the article particularly from chaplains. Many of them have protested to their superiors without avail. With peace-time conscription the importance of this matter is greatly increased. Many of those (by no means all of them) in authority in the armed services, hold the view that the problem is essentially physical. Prostitution is held to be natural and to be expected. Therefore protection against venereal disease coupled with a little milked-down moral advice is all that is required. Christian thought rebels at this. Prostitution is sin. It is more than a physical problem. Men and women in uniform should understand that illict sexual relationships are soul destroying. They menace the home, debase personality, corrupt the mind and lower man to the standards of the beasts of the field. Any officer or enlisted man who yields to this temptation should receive as rigid punishment as though caught stealing or asleep on duty.

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And as one firefly said to another: "You glow your way and I'll glow mine."—Baptist Observer.

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How badly
do the Christians of Europe want their churches rebuilt? In Austria the people gave some of their precious food coupons so that they could be traded for building material. This was the only way the materials could be secured. When we think of their low caloric diet we can understand what it means to give up even a single coupon. Or can we? How does our American giving compare with sacrifice like this?

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The force of an ideal is greater than the ideal of force.—Josephus Daniels

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"Graceful Giving"
has gone to its second printing. It is a satisfaction to know that it is filling a need for a layman's book on stewardship.

An elderly farmer drove into town one day and hitched his team to a telegraph post.

"Here," exclaimed the burly policeman, "you can't hitch there!"

"Can't eh?" shouted the irate farmer. "Well, why have you got a sign up 'Fine for hitching'?"—The Watchword.

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OPA
is under debate as we write. It is venturesome to comment until something definite has been done at Washington. The American people should understand that their dollar is not worth what it was in pre-war days. Prices held down artificially by subsidies to various producers blind us to the realities. Most of us feel that a mistake was made when rationing was dropped without adequate plans for readjustment. We must have either a planned economy holding the price and wage line, or else adjust to the laws of supply and demand. How swiftly that adjustment can be made nobody knows. We will have to muddle through to some solution. We will also have to learn that the basis of sound economy is honest sweat. If we dream of a life of vacation irresponsibility, of getting more than we give to society, we are in for a rude awakening. We seem to be getting just that—now. Churches that raise their pastor's salaries are only being fair. Salaried people feel the pinch first and most.

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It is impossible mentally or spiritually to enslave a Bible-reading people.—Horace Greely.

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Movements
for Lutheran union are on the way. Great synods like Augustana have been led to the open door by way of cooperative relations like that of the National Lutheran Synod. Augustana leaders like President Bersell, Editor Ryden and President Burgendorf of Augustana College, do not mince words on the need for closer and closer cooperation, if we are to meet the world's needs. Even Missouri is developing a leadership that demands a re-examination of its policy of isolation. Certainly the ULCA will be responsive to all such gestures. We have been seeing an ultimate, perhaps an early union of all bodies in the NLC. Perhaps we should extend the borders of our dreams to include Missouri.

The Doctor: "Mrs. Brown has sent for me to go and see her boy, and I must go at once."

His wife: "What is the matter with the boy?"

The Doctor: "I do not know, but Mrs. Brown has a book on what to do before the doctor comes, and I must hurry up before she does it."—Baptist Observer.

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CARE
stands for The Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc. It is a non-profit, government-approved, police-protected agency to send food packages to the war-ravaged countries of Europe. For $15. CARE will send a 49 lb. package of food to any person in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, the American and British zones in Germany and their sectors in Berlin, France, Greece, Italy, Norway, Poland and the Netherlands. The entire $15 goes for food. Address CARE, 50 Broadway, New York 4, N. Y. for information.

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Little Betty, watching the farm hands spreading out a stack of hay to dry, could contain her curiosity no longer, so she politely asked:

"Is it a needle you're looking for?"—Christian Union Herald.

Retirement
of two talented and faithful members of the staff of our Boad of Education is announced—Dr. Mary Markley and Dr. C. P. Harry. Both have had much to do with work among students. Dr. Harry has also been closely associated with the Luther League educational program. They have made their lives count large in the lives of those who will soon be our ULCA leaders. No better investment of life could have been made. Perhaps it is their years of association with young folks that makes the thought of retirement age in their connection somehow a contradiction.

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Gratitude is a duty none can be excused from.—Charron

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WPA
was sponsor for many projects whose economic value was questionable. To balance criticisms we want to record our appreciation of two useful projects. First: the writers project compiled many volumes of information for our states. We travelled through the South recently and used constantly the state books for information as to tours and the things most worth seeing. Second: Many historic places were restored and parks built for recreation. This kind of public service should be continued not merely as an employment measure but as a public service.

WILL YOU HELP?

$800 is needed **NOW** to cover the cost of mailing complimentary copies of LUTHERAN MEN to our Chaplains, Army and Navy reading rooms and Service Centers overseas. This is in addition to the LUTHERAN MEN going to the Veterans' Hospitals and Lutheran Service Centers still operating in this country.

It is scarcely necessary to mention the many letters of appreciation from Chaplains and Servicemen for your loyal interest in making the war-time subscriptions possible. Now, with the war over, our Lutheran Servicemen serving in the Army of Occupation, will have more time for reading and study, and we believe you wish to make LUTHERAN MEN available for their reading rooms.

This urgent appeal comes to Brotherhoods, Bible Classes and individuals to send us your contribution **NOW!** Your check in whatever amount you wish to give should be made payable to LUTHERAN MEN, and plainly marked for **Chaplains' Subscriptions** and forwarded to Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa. We will acknowledge your gift in LUTHERAN MEN.

Guest Contributions

Presidential Message . . .

Capital is the fruit of Labor, yet
Labor is supplied by Capital.
Capital is also the tool of Labor, and without tools
Labor is impotent.
So we go around and around.

L. F. Speckman

You Say Too Much When You Say Too Little

By Rev. R. R. Belter, D.D.

Among the weekly church bulletins received at the editorial desk, "Bethany Chimes" from Burlington, Iowa stands out. Dr. Belter deserves a larger public than his own fortunate congregation. We are lifting another editorial from a recent issue. Lutheran men will read it with interest and profit.

The writer has the habit of "saving" articles and clippings for future use. It is my contention that someone has labored hard and long, has given thorough thought to what he writes, and hence it is worth reading, saving, and can be used as later reference. I might disagree with the writer entirely, but it is healthy to know both sides to an argument; it gives you a broad approach.

Well, in studying the reasons for *"failure"* some weeks ago, among the various sources was a reference to a certain religious jounal. We read it, and turned for further reading to a business journal. And it is here where we came up on the surprise which called for this article. One had the title: "The *Seven Mistakes* of Man," and the other had "the *Six Mistakes* of Man." The business journal took it upon itself to omit the seventh which stated: *"Leaving God out of your Plans* is a Cause for Many Failures." WHY did the editor presume to omit those words? Did he himself wish to dicount the worth of that item? Did he feel that he probably would offend one or another reader if and when he included it? It told me two things about the man. First, he was a coward (If he himself had the seven sentences before him), afraid to direct, afraid to warn his reading audience. Perhaps he was not a Christian. However, he must have known that 'as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he", that a man is what he believes. If God is omitted in our thinking, then we are omitting too much. It is when the heart knows and feels an accountability to God that it will feel a responsibility toward others. Whatever creed a man has, that will be the measure of his conduct in everything. It is an impossibility to cherish any opinion in the mind or heart without having its influence felt in life. After all the word "miscreant" comes from mis-credo. The editor of that one paper told more than he intended to tell when he omitted to tell what he believed about God.

The question now is, why should business shy from such words as "God," "Jesus Christ"? A certain club in Los Angeles has these words over it gateway, through which business men pass: *"The man who is too busy to serve God and humanity is—too busy."* And we do not believe that busines cares to, intentionally, shy from such words. The trend, in these later years seems to be the very opposite. From a brochure, prepared by a group of business and professional men, I take these words: "Make your faith an active, daily part of your personal life. Go to Church regularly. Support your local Church—find a way to give it more of your time, your strength." How very commendable. These are times which demand serious thinking, and the more of "God" and things spiritual which can be injected into the thinking, of the people, the better. Pobably many of you have seen the pamphlet: "Christian Principles in Business," by J. C. Penney. The Wall Street Journal states plainly that the greatest need of the business world today is more religion.

Business, buiness—we built our progress on the dollar sign. We had come, as one author puts it, to a point where: "They couldn't greet each other without thought of profit and loss. Profit and loss rose like a wall between mother and child . . . father and son. It sealed mouths, ears, eyes, and rendered men voiceless as plants" (E. M. Horn in "Faster Faster.") Another author made bold to say that only then should a man act if he personally benefits from the transaction.

Personally we feel that our forefathers meant the words when they said: *"In God We Trust,"* and that business today might do well to borrow more than the mere phraseology when it speaks. We cannot do too much "God" thinking. If a man feels responsible to the Almighty, he will feel better disposed toward humans. He will respect all rights of other men.

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Iran of the Crossroads

By Amos John Traver
(Written with the collaboration of Chaplain J. Howard Laughner)

The Reverend J. Howard Laughner was sitting pretty, pastor of beautiful Grace Lutheran Church, Louisville, Kentucky, built under his own leadership, and beyond to his people by unusual ties of love. For some ten years he had been a reserve officer in the army and with war, the call came. It was a far jump he made for

At Headquarters
Chaplain Laughner in his office.

Uncle Samuel, to Iran, the world's crossroads. Iran is a country as large as the United States east of the Mississippi with contrasts of high mountains and dessert plains, freezing cold and heat, claimed to be the highest temperatures in the world. Chaplain Laughner is back in civies, a reserve officer again, Colonel in rank, and pastor of a suburban church in Detroit. For some months we have been neighbors and he has told me so many interesting things about strategic Iran, I have secured his permission to share them.

Teheran Chaplains
Laughner (Lutheran), Green (Baptist), Kelly (Methodist).

Iran has been the world's cross roads for many, many centuries. It offers the shortest route between the Persian Gulf and the Caspian sea. Armies of world conquerors like Alexander the Great have swept across it, pillaging its cities and living off its people. Persia under Cyrus the Great had its day of Hitler-like ambitions. It has had great cities and a great culture but its glory is far in its past. It boasts the original site of the Garden of Eden, it displays, for a price, the tomb of Daniel or the restored palace of Queen Esther. It provides dates for the world from the largest and most fruitful groves in the world. Its oil concessions to Great Britain and the United States supplied most of the oil required for the European theater and also sent some oil to the Pacific. The second largest oil refinery in the world is located on an island, Abadan, in the Persian Gulf and is owned by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

Iran had its greatest importance in World War II because of its location. It was here Hitler proposed that German and Japanese armies should meet. It was along the age-old trail from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea that supplies must come to tool the inexhaustable manpower of Russia. So early in the war Great Britain in the south and Russia in the north moved in. Fortunately the trail which had not known a four-wheeled vehicle until 1928, had been rebuilt into what might pass for a road. In 1927 shrewd Irenian dictator Reza Shah, had seen the possibilities of a railroad. In this he was encouraged by the Nazis. The Shah had the capital through the oil concessions to Great Britain and the United States, and monopolies on sugar and tea. It cost him a cool $100,000,000 to build it. It runs through mighty mountain ranges, through passes, some of which are over 7000 feet high. Almost numberless tunnels were bored through the mountains. In one stretch of 120 miles there are 132 tunnels. It was finally completed in 1938.

He had played along too well with his German friends, so he was forced to abdicate when the allies moved in, and his son succeeded him. But he had done the allied cause a great service in improving the highway and building his railroad. It was to transport goods over both that American forces were invited into the picture by Russia and Great Britain. So the Persian Gulf Transport Command was organized.

There were about 30,000 troops in all, They were recruited from railroad men, truck drivers and stevedores, with enough engineers and signal corps men to maintain the necessary services. And what a task they faced! The railroad must be reballasted and in many places rebuilt to lessen grades. The highway had to be hard-surfaced and the grade changed in many places. The men had to go through the furnace heat of the first 200 miles of desert from Khorzamshahr and Bandar Shapur on the gulf. Then they faced the most difficult and dangerous road in the world through and over the mountains. Here it was winter with all its hazards. And there were 600 miles of this rough terrain. The transportation of millions of tons of valuable supplies over these two primitive lines is another miracle of American courage and ingenuity for the record.

Teheran, the capital is both a modern and ancient city With all its modern buildings and streets, its older section persents the extremes of ignorance and poverty. There are luxurious palaces, the world-renowned peacock throne, a fully-equipped Olympic stadium, a mile-long bazaar, huge rug factories, beautiful parks and the hovels of the poor. Camel caravans vie with sleek automobiles for space on the paved streets. In spite of the millions of dollars that have flowed into the treasury of Iran, the common people have benefitted little. Disease is on the march. Sanitation is unknown. Even in Teheran the only water supply is an open ditch, running along the curbs. It serves as sewer, laundry, and water supply for cooking. The only safety

Headquarters Chaplain's Staff, back row: Chaplain Murphy, Col. Purvuis (assistant chief of staff for administration), Chaplains Laughner and Rubin; front row: T/5 Cook, T/Sgt. Weaver, T/4 Kozik, Pfc. Klein.

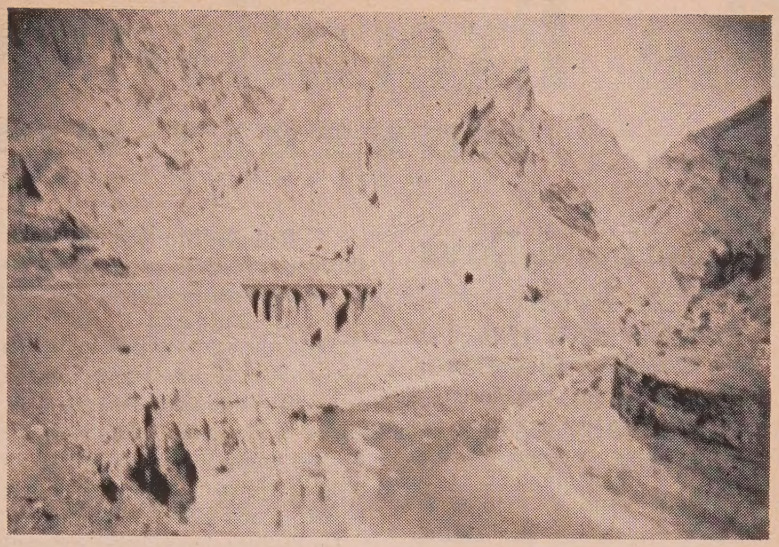
for the American soldiers was to avoid contact with the natives so far as possible.

The railroader's main camp was just outside of Teheran. A little farther out was the well-equipped headquarters camp of the Command. Then along the entire length of both railroad and highway there was a string of camps about ten miles apart, each with a little handful of troops on guard and ready for any emergencies in transportation. These were lonely stations, and even in the main camps, life became dreadfully monotonous.

What of the spiritual care of the men? This was Chaplain Laughner's responsibility. They entered with five chaplains. This was finally increased to thirty. There were no chapels to begin with. There were eighteen well equipped chapels before they left Iran. To serve the isolated men along the railroad a caboose was equipped for a chaplain's quarters. It would be hooked on the end of a train, shunted on a siding till the chaplain could serve the men at that station, and then the next train would pick it up for a move to the next camp. Along the highway the chaplains rode on the supply trucks thumbing their way from post to post. What the visits of these men of God meant to those lonely soldiers is written in the Book of Life! Chaplain Laughner is a modest felow, but the organization and direction of this Christian service required talents and courage of rare quality.

One of 18 Iran Chapels

For entertainment at the main camp, the U. S. O. brought in some talent. Notable visitors were Nelson Eddy, Joe Brown and Andre Kostelanatz. Not all the entertainment was of this high standard. Too many seemed to rate the standard of appreciation by strip-tease and smut.



Supply Lifeline

A glimpse of the kind of mountain scenery through which the railroad ran.

The chaplain's observation was that the great majority of the men were bored by it. They knew "fifth rate" shows when they saw them. And sexiness in a country where moral standards are nil was no treat!

The goods were delivered to the Russians at the edge of their area and the Americans went no farther. No one travelled into their lines, Iranian, Britain or American, unless the Russians wanted him there. About evey ten miles along every highway in their area was a log across the road and a post of soldiers to examine your pass. It was closed country and visitors were not welcome.

What of the present controversy over Iran? Chaplain Laughner calls Iran "helpless as a baby in the hands of its big brother nations." Iran has oil and that makes its important to Russia. The government will sell the oil where it can make the best deal. It is quite understandable that Russia should be in position to make the best and safest deal. Iran would not know what to do with freedom if she had it. Islam has left the people in superstition and ignorance. The government has made no effort to raise the standard of living. In the great rug factories adults work for a few cents per day and their children begin to work at three or four years of age. The Presbyterian missionaries have done the most for Iran, but though many years of service have hardly dented the surface. Unless Great Britain and America are willing to do more than keep Russia out, and that might well mean war, the average Iranian would be no worse off under Russian influence than under its own free government.

Well, the British have moved out and the American soldiers have come home and the Russians seem to be moving out, at least technically. There is one army that should move in. Suppose we would take as seriously the transportation of the Gospel to Iran as we undertook the transportation of guns, bombers, tanks, ammunition, trucks and all the tools of war? Jesus Christ has the only permanent solution to the Iranian predicament. What Chaplain Laughner and his thirty associates did for our lonely men of the Persian Gulf Command is the pattern for the building of a new Iran and a new world.

Threshing

Chaplain Laughner is driving a 1945 model thresher in Iran. No wonder over half the population is under-fed.

NOTE: Chaplain Laughner is now the popular pastor of the Lutheran Church of The Resurrection, Detroit, Michigan.

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Brotherhood Days In Erie

October 2-3-4, 1946
15th Biennial Convention

Our 15th biennial convention is only sixty days away and the Erie committees have completed their plans for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors. There are very few occasions in our church-life that surpass the "grand and glorious" feeling when "good fellows get together" at our biennial conventions.

If you were fortunate enough to attend the Minneapolis Convention, you will recall the inspiration and spiritual uplift that came to each one of us. It is only at our national conventions that we actually see the Brotherhood in action and get the true picture of our whole Brotherhood program.

What a thrill it is to greet our old friends, and meet the new delegates and visitors from Canada and all of the synods in the U. S. A. The outpouring of Lutheranism at the convention will help us to appreciate the potential strength of a united Lutheran manpower, and the problems that appear too big for our local organizations, will be solved in a great gathering of delegates such as we will have in Erie.

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President Fry Will Attend

Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D. D., President of the U. L. C. A. has accepted our invitation and will attend the Brotherhood officers' conference. The President of our Church considers the Conference of sufficient importance to interrupt his busy schedule just prior to the opening of the U. L. C. A. Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, three days later.

We earnestly hope that each U. L. C. A., Synodical and Conference Brotherhood officer will plan now to attend this important meeting and remain for the Fifteenth Biennial Convention Sessions of the Brotherhood which will open on the same evening.

Rebuilding for Christ
through Evangelism — Boys Work — Christian Stewardship and Lutheran Unity

After months of prayerful consideration the executive committee unanimously adopted the four-fold Erie convention theme. With this theme as the basis for the convention addresses we can be assured of an interesting and profitable meeting.

Invitations have been extended to our most capable and experienced synodical executives and national Brotherhood officers to participate in the convention program. We again look forward to having our beloved United Lutheran Church officers, as well as the Erie and Pittsburgh Synod Churchmen as our honored guests at the convention sessions and the fellowship banquet.

Brotherhood Officers' Conference, Erie, Pa.
October 2, 1946

One of the most important Conferences that will effect the future of the Brotherhood for the next decade will be held in Erie at a place to be selected on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 2nd at 3:00 o'clock.

At this conference, consideration will be given to the vital matters that will come up for discussion at the Convention Sessions. A new plan to provide adequate finances for the promotion of Brotherhood work throughout the Church will be one of the primary matters to be considered at the conference. An opportunity will also be given for the consideration of problems effecting the Synodical and Conference Brotherhoods.

By-Laws Governing Delegates and Elections

We urge our synodical and congregational officers to read the excerpts from our by-laws carefully, and then take steps to fill their quota of convention delegates.

Section IV—Delegates

Item I. The delegates to the convention shall consist of the officers of the Brotherhood, members of the executive committee and one delegate for each five hundred members or major fraction thereof in each active synodical Brotherhood. Each active synodical Brotherhood shall be entitled to at least two delegates. Each active congregational Brotherhood or men's organization shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred or major fraction thereof of its membership. Each active congregational Brotherhood shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

Item II. A roll of the delegates to the convention of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be prepared by the secretary prior to every meeting. To facilitate this work the president of every active synodical Brotherhood shall forward a list of the delegates elected by the synodical and congregational Brotherhoods, together with the registration fee for each, to the executive secretary of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America at least thirty days before the meeting.

Section V—Elections

Item II. Only duly elected delegates, officers and members of the executive committee of the Brotherhood who shall have paid the authorized registration fee shall have a right to vote in the convention.

Section VI—Dues

Item II. Each synodical Brotherhood shall pay to the treasurer of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America, annual dues of 50 cents for each **active** congregational Brotherhood or men's organization affiliated with it.

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"Are rosy cheeks a sign of good health?"

"I should say they are."

"Well, I saw a girl the other day who was a lot healthier on one side than the other."—Watchman-Examiner.

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"That psychologist told me that success depends largely on one's frame of mind."

"Maybe, but out in Hollywood it mostly depends just on one's frame."—Biblical Recorder.

15th BIENNIAL CONVENTION — U.L.C.A. Brotherhood
Erie, Pa. — October 2-3-4, 1946
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Be sure to indicate whether you prefer to stay at a hotel or in a private home.

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Fifteenth Biennial Convention

THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
October 2-3-4, 1946, Ford Hotel, Erie, Pa.

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Letterally Yours

Bible Lexicography

By Pastor Roger G. Imhoff

The Kingdom of God

cometh not with observation,
is within you,
is at hand,
comes with power,
is like a mustard seed,
is like a leaven.

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How Some Church Members Interpret the Bible

"I will go into Thy House in the multitude of Thy mercy"—except in summer. (*Psalm* 5:7)

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life"—except in summer. (*Psalm* 27:4)

"God is known in her palaces for a refuge"—except in summer. (*Psalm* 48:3)

"How amiable are Thy Tabernacles"—except in summer. (*Psalm* 84:1)

"My soul longeth, even fainteth for the Courts of the Lord"—except in summer. (*Psalm* 84:2)

"Preach the Word; be instant in season and out of season"—except in summer. (*II Timothy* 4:2)

"They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers"—except in summer. (*Acts* 2:42)

—Epiphany Herald

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"Pleasant Reading"

31 May, 1946

Dear Mr. Bader:

I want to express my personal gratitude for the many hours of pleasant reading I have had in reading LUTHERAN MEN the past forty-two months, here in the States as well as overseas. As soon a I finished the paper I usually gave it promptly to some man from your branch of the church. It was like a letter from home for them to read their own church paper.

I am scheduled to leave the Navy in about ten days. Will you therefore please stop the paper immediately.

Thank you.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Amos T. Lundquist
Lieut-Comdr., USNR
Protestant Chaplain

Thank you Chaplain Lundquist!
Ed

Pittsburgh Officials and Guests

A Trio of Stars

Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood Meet

July 2, 1946

Dear Editor,—

The enclosed pictures and clipping tell about the Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood Convention. It has occurred to me that you might be glad to have these for a coming issue of LUTHERAN MEN, especially because this synodical Brotherhood will be host to the coming ULCA Brotherhood Convention in October, at Erie. The picture with the large group shows the following:

TOP ROW, left to right—

E. W. Althof of Erie, P. N. Slonaker of Leechburg; C. C. Goodman of DuBois, Sec. of Statistics; R. J. Barley of Aliquippa, Secretary; G. H. Davis of Rochester (Pa.), Toastmaster at this banquet; W. K. Hodgkinson of Pittsburgh; and S. I. Bossart of Greensburg, Vice Pres.

BOTTOM ROW, left to right—

W. E. Pfiester of Erie, Special Treas. of the Cottage Fund and Chr. of the Special Committee to entertain the ULCA Brotherhood; Frank Fox of Swissvale; Dr. Greever, Sec. ULCA; Dr. Stoughton, ULCA Sec. of Stewardship; Dr. R. H. Johnson, Thiel Professor and Pres. of Synodical Brotherhood; and Dr. E. A. Ortner, pastor of Grace Church, Rochester.

These officers are members of the Synodical Brotherhood Exec. Committee, and so are Messers Althof, Slonaker, Hodgkinson and Fox. One officer was not present for the picture, Treasurer F. J. Vollmer. Further plans for the coming ULCA Brotherhood Convention will be discussed Sept. 8 at Erie, when this Synodical Exec. Committee meets with the Erie Conf. Brotherhood Special Committee headed by Mr. Pfiester. (The other picture is a "detail" of the first showing Drs. Greever, Stoughton and Johnson).

Very truly yours,
George E. Little

403 Maple Ave., Pgh 15, Pa.

From the Northwest

Appleton, Wis.
June 1, 1946

Dear Editor,—

The 2nd annual meeting of the Brotherhood of the Synod of the Northwest was held at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, Minn. on May 22, 1946.

Pastor J. G. Simmons, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Pastor Simmons also acted as pastoral advisor.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:
President—B. A. Mosling, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.
Vice President—W. D. Morton, Lake of Isles Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
Secretary—S. F. Wilch, Trinity Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wis.
Treasurer—Robert Hughes, Wooddale Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

We as a Brotherhood have already decided to be well represented at the National Brotherhood Convention at Erie. Delegates have been chosen and they intend to gather in knowledge and inspiration at the convention and come home and help our two and a half year old synodical Brotherhood.

We are young and tiny but we know that with God's help we will be much stronger soon. We have set our sights high and we know God will not let us down.

Mr. Mosling and Mr. Morton gave inspirational talks. They brought out the fact that our active Brotherhoods showed a 15% increase in the past year, and that 3 or 4 more have just recently decided to become active members.

On the evening of May 22 we sponsored a banquet in which Dr. O. F. Blackwelder, Washington, D. C. gave an inspiring address "The Church and American Democracy."

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,
S. F. Wilch, Secretary

Two years old, but a growing serving infant! *Ed*

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For Lutheran Unity

en route to Shanghai

Dear Sir:

For almost fifteen months I have been receiving your fine magazine, and never have I expressed my thanks. Easter time, however, makes one think more clearly than at any other time about the many gifts which have been so generously sent to us. It is at this time that I wish to express a sincere word of appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

My release from the Navy Chaplaincy will probably come upon the completion of this present cruise. But this will by no means bring to an end my relations with your publication. While it is impossible to keep up subscriptions to the many Lutheran magazines with which I have become acquainted, it is possible to remember them and the contributions they have made to my ministry. This I shall always do.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that the fine relations which have existed between our church bodies during the war, as symbolized by your publication going to ALL Lutheran Chaplains, may continue and grow into a worthwhile demonstration of Christian charity and strength.

Sincerely yours,
Robert E. Neumeyer
Chaplain, USNR
United Lutheran Church

LUTHERAN MEN *is dedicated to the cultivation of better and better relations between our general Lutheran bodies. May we continue to grow together as we serve together.* *Ed*

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To Sea Duty

Mare Island Naval Shipyard,
Mare Island, Calif.
15 May 1946

Dear Sir:

During the past few months I have been receiving your publications regularly through your courtesy and that of the National Lutheran Council.

I have now been ordered to sea duty. At the end of this cruise I expect to be released to inactive duty. This would mean the end of the subscription.

In view of the irregularities of mail delivery, I feel it advisable to ask you to cancel the subscription. I have enjoyed receiving and reading your magazine. I feel that these subscriptions have done much to further Lutheran understanding.

Sincerely,
(Chaplain) Paul E. Morentz

All the Lutheran Men family have been sharing in this service to our chaplains. *Ed*

Glenolden, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bader:

Enclosed find my money order for one dollar to cover the cost of two booklets of Boys Work Stamps.

I do hope that greater interest will be created in the spiritual training of the boys in connection with character and citizenship training programs, under the leadership of the men of the congregations.

I myself had contact with boys and found out that if you assigned him to a job he did it with everything that was in him, and made it his duty to be present, and the one that was never given an opportunity to do anything finally drifts away.

Yours truly,
Andrew D. Getchun

Those stamps are fine publicity in addition to helping provide funds for Boy's Work. The more we buy, the greater the ability to serve and save our next generation of leaders. *Ed*

THE CHURCH is not an ecclesiastical machine. It is the "communion of the saints" engaged in the Saviour's business. The Church is you. It is I. It is this believer. It is that believer. It is all of us who by the Word of God have become new creatures in Christ.

Essentially the Church is always men, women, and children who hear, believe and pass on the Word of Life. Without controversy, therefore, the business of evangelism, or "making disciples" of others, is equally the laymen's business and the pastor's business.

—The Rev. Dr. Oscar W. Carlson.

RED-LETTER DATES TO REMEMBER

ERIE CONVENTION — OCTOBER 2-3-4th

BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY — OCTOBER 20th

THEME . . .

REBUILDING FOR CHRIST

Through Evangelism, Boys Work, Christian Stewardship and Lutheran Unity

Brother of the Month . . .

It is the purpose of these biographical sketches to introduce some of the Brothers who are leaders in their conferences or synods, but are not general organization officials.

Dr. Roy Harold Johnson

President of Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood

This month we introduce Roy Harold Johnson, Ph.D. chairman of the social studies division, professor of history and director of public relations at Thiel College. He has been at Thiel seventeen years, having taught at Carthage the two years previous. He is the president of the Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood.

Following is a list of appointments in church and community affairs: member of the Executive Committee of the Pittsburgh Synod; a director of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; member of the Board of Publication U. L. C. A., Secretary of the Church Council, Holy Trinity Church, Greenville; President of the community council of Religious Education, Greenville; National Council member of Boy Scouts of America and chairman of the Advancement Committee, Mercer County; former President of Erie Conference Brotherhood.

Dr. Johnson is married, has two children, Norman 14 and Susan 12. His hobbies are golf and gardening.

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Duty is Duty; conscience is conscience; right is right, and wrong is wrong—whatever sized type they may be printed in. "Large" and "Small" are not words for the vocabulary of conscience.—Alexander MacLaren.

Another Lay Leader

Philip L. Wahlberg

President of the Texas State Brotherhood

Born 57 years ago in Galesburg, Illinois of devout Swedish-bon Lutheran parents. Eldest of a family of seven children he found his education limited to grade schools there. Removed to Austin, Texas, at fifteen and supplemented his rather meagre education by working for his tuition in a business school.

Worked successively for dry-goods stores, a bank, and the Santa Fe Railway until 1913 when the urge to visit the land of his forefathers prompted him to spend several months in travel, principally in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and England. On his return he located in Houston where he has been associated with a cotton export firm for more than 32 years.

Married in 1922 to Ella Alida Swensen, R. N., of Olivia, Texas—who parents were also devout Swedish-born Lutherans—he has four children. The eldest, Philip Lawrence Jr., will graduate from Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, in May. The elder daughter, Marie, a graduate of Texas Lutheran College, is employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Houston. The younger children, Paul Swensen and Martha, are completing their Senior and Junior High Scool work, respectively.

He and his family are members of Grace Lutheran Church, the Rev. N. H. Kern, pastor, whose congregation he has served as councilman, secretary, Church-school superintendent, teacher and choir member. He was chairman of the Building Committee when the church plant was enlarged to include a Parish Hall, and is presently seving as chairman of the Program and Findings division of the congregation's Building Committee.

He was temporary chairman of the Men's Rally held in Houston in October 1930 which resulted in the formation of the Texas State Brotherhood. Served as its first President and was re-elected to serve a second term. Was a delegate to the Harrisburg convention in 1932 and was honored by election to the Executive Committee of the National organization.

Elected President of the Texas Brotherhood at its Houston convention in 1944 he was re-elected in 1945 and thus has the unique distinction of being the only President who has served four terms.

Hobbies? His church-work and, when time permits, salt water fishing.

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Too Busy?

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Editor,—

You are doing such a swell job of editing LUTHERAN MEN that I hesitate to break the spell. The above poem has run through my mind for several years after having used it once and lost both title and author until listening to a program on the radio when Paul Lawrence Dunbar's name was mentioned, and that immediately suggested the poem which I located today in the library. It begins "The Lord had a job for me." Look it up! Brotherhod members frequently say, "I'm much too busy to get somebody else." The poem is a real challenge to such.

Cordially yours,
W. D. Morton, President
Northwest Synodical Brotherhood.

Sorry we could not use the poem on account of copyright. It is a good one to read at your next Brotherhood meeting.

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Thanks!

Salisbury, N. C.

Dear Mr. Bader,—

We want to thank you for your service during the past years. I sincerely hope that our young men will return to our Brotherhood with a feeling that the Lutheran Brotherhod is a great organization and that it is doing a great work. With very best wishes to you in your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,
(Rev.) Wilford Lyerly, Pastor
Messiah Lutheran Mission.

It is a joy to an executive secretary to get appreciation for his work. Thanks for writing Pastor Lyerly.
—Ed.

One for His Pastor!

Columbia City, Ind.
Feb. 23, 1946

Dear Editor,—

Enclosed you will find my check for one dollar and a quarter for which please send LUTHERAN MEN to my pastor. I am anxious to have him know what an excellent paper LUTHERAN MEN is. I think it is very good and enjoy it very much. I am thankful that our Church has such an excellent paper for men and wish that many more might know about it and be pleased to use the inspirational topics offered for discussion.

Yours truly,
Harvey S. Lawrence.

Thank you Dr. Lawrence. You have been a long-time booster for LUTHERAN MEN. *Hope your pastor likes it.* —*Ed.*

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Massey, Ontario, Canada

"Please send me the Boy Scout packet. We organized a Boy Scout troup last year, but it is inter-denominational. The packet no doubt contains some hints and points which we can use."

Sincerely yours,
(Rev. H. Rembe.

You are coming to the right source for Boy Scout literature Pastor Rembe! —*Ed.*

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"Doing Fine"

Dear Brother Bader:

Our Brotherhood is doing fine and is steadily growing. We have very good meetings, wish you could be with us. We hold it in line with the Brotherhood Objectives and have not deteriorated down to a men's club.

With all good wishes,
Yours,
(Rev.) Fred T. Lucas,
Immanuel English Lutheran Church,
Centralia, Washington.

Brotherhood objectives are the secret of your growth. —*Ed.*

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Eats in the Far South

The Brotherhood of the Lutheran Churches in the Central Conference of the South Carolina Synod entertained the South Carolina Synod at a delicious banquet Febrary 12, 1946 in St. Paul's Parish Building, Columbia, S. C. The meeting was conducted by Clarence L. Sox, President of the Central Conference Brotherhood. The students of the Lutheran Seminary furnished the music for the evening. The invocation by Rev. J. A. Keisler, Jr., Rev. Karl W. Kinkard, President of the South Carolina Synod, introduced the speaker, The Rev. George W. Miley, D. D., President of the Ohio Lutheran Synod, and official representative of the U. L. C. A. Among some of the many guest visitors recognized at the banquet were the following: Dr. J. L. Morgan, President of the Lutheran Synod of North Caroline; Dr. Homer Anderson of the Virginia Synod; Dr. W. H. Greever, Secretary of U. L. C. A.; Dr. J. L. Yost, President of the Lutheran Seminary; H. C. Schatz, President of South Carolina Brotherhood. The Chairman of the Publicity Committee read a note from Dr. James C. Kinard, President of Newberry College, expressing greetings to the Brotherhood Banquet. Everybody joined in singing the Brotherhood Hymn and the Doxology.

The Benediction by Rev. James K. Cobb.

Clarence L. Sox, President
Central Conference Brotherhood.
B. T. Bodie, Chairman Publicity Committee.

Sounds like an interesting evening.

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Flattery is a sort of bad money, to which our vanity gives value.—*Rochefoucauld.*

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Lutheran Boy Scouts

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Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, 62 E. Garrison Street, Bethehem, Pa.
DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

Worthwhile Activities for Lutheran Boy Scouts

Boys of Scout age are capable of assisting in the services of the Church and its auxiliaries. Train them well early in life and they will become useful leaders.

16. Serving as Altar Boy.
17. Personal leadership in Sunday School, Luther League, or Young People's Group.
18. Serving as teacher or leader in any Church or Scouting activity.

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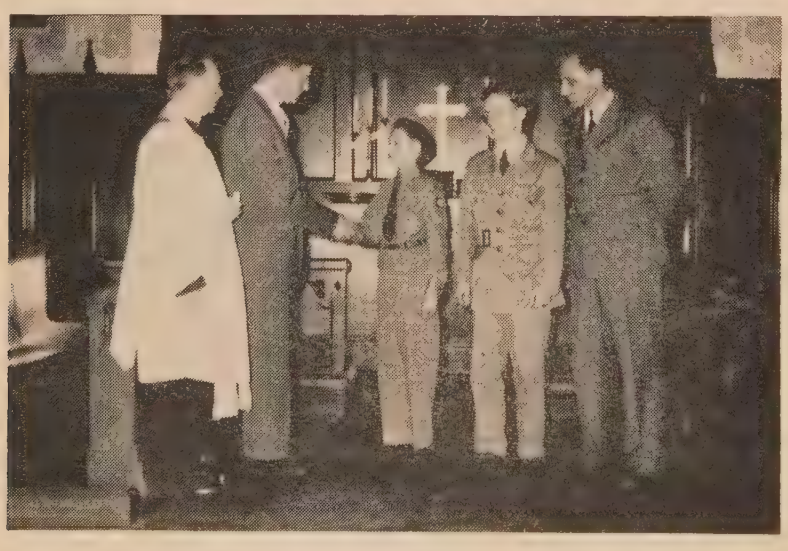
1. A Scout is trustworthy.
   A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout badge.

Pro Deo et Patria Award

Formal presentation of the Pro Deo et Patria Award to Walter G. Tice was made on Sunday, May 19, in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newark, New Jersey, Reverend Matthias F. Walz, pastor. Mr. Frank Parachini, field executive of the Robert Theat Council, BSA, delivered an address on Scouting and Mr. Alvin H. Schaediger, President of the Luther League of the ULCA delivered an address in which he integrated Scouting with the program of training for young people of the church. Scout Tice is the first to receive this award in the Robert Treat Council. He is 16 years old and a sophomore in Central High School, Newark, New Jersey.



SCOUT WALTER G. TICE receives the Pro Deo Et Patria Award.

On the picture left to right: Rev. Matthias F. Walz, Alvin H. Schaediger, Scout Walter G. Tice, Scoutmaster Karl L. Liedike, Frank Parachini, Field Executive Robert Treat Council.

Scouting Will Be Emphasized

at the Biennial Convention of the ULCA Brotherhood to be held in Erie, Pa., October 2-3-4, 1946. A speaker representing the Boy Scouts of America will give an address on Scouting on Thursday afternoon, October 3, at which session the Boys Work program of the Brotherhood will be emphasized. It is also planned to have an actual investiture ceremony and a presentation of the Pro Deo et Patria Award to Scouts in the Erie area who have qualified for the award. A charter presentation will also be featured. In this way delegates to the Convention will become familiar with the proper procedure of Scouting in the Church.

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Chairman of Lutheran Committee on Scouting Accepts Appointment to Nat'l Scout Staff

A. E. Iverson, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood and Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Chairman of the Lutheran Committee on Scouting, has accepted an appointment to serve as Director of Protestant Relationships as a member of the national staff of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Iverson will begin his new work September 1, but will continue to serve as Chairman of the Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

A graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Theological Seminary, Mr. Iverson served pastorates at Heron Lake and Brewster, Minnesota, previous to his coming to Minneapolis. In Scouting he has had experience as Cubmaster and Scoutmaster. At present he is a member at large of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

In his new position Mr. Iverson will direct the program of relationships between the Boy Scouts of America and the denominations of the Protestant faith. His task will be o assist in the organization of denominational and interdenominational committees for the advancement of Scouting and to promote the new program of religious projects culminating in the *Pro Deo et Patria* and the *God and Country* Awards as an incentive in the integration of the Scout program with Christian education in the various Protestant groups.

Lutheran Men in Bible Study Classes

● Department Editor: REV. EARL S. RUDISILL, Ph.D., D.D.
Associate Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board
1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, 7, Pa.

An Open Forum

In some religious journals I find references to "vital Christian experience." But I have not seen any explanation of that term. How are we to understand it?

The term may be explained in various ways. But the basic idea is that a man's relationship to Christ and to his fellowmen be right, and that it be expressed actively. But vital Christian experience is not so simple as the explanation is brief. It involves many different angles of living, thinking, and feeling. Some of the more important ones follow.

There can be no meaningful Christian life apart from worship. In this experience God and man meet in a special way. And out of this communion comes the main inspiration to active Christlike living. We are all very much like a clock; we need to be wound up periodically. We may be compared to an eight-day clock, but more properly to a twenty-four-hour instrument. We need to meet with God daily, and as often as possible each day. From that experience we come forth renewed, with new vision and strength, and with higher enthusiasm for the great cause.

The alert Christian is always face to face with problems of religion and its application. He is always discovering new ones. And he is ever finding solutions. He has to think, and he needs to add to his store of information on Christian living. This means intellectual growth as well as spiritual growth; the two are so closely interlinked that they cannot be separated. Without the intellectual factor of life one must walk in darkness, despite his good intentions.

Experience that is Christian calls for contacts with other people—people of all kinds—and the wider the variety the better. Each has something to give the other, and no one can afford to forfeit such benefits. There is pleasure in this association and each one is enriched by the interaction of spirits.

Service activities are needed by everyone, just as the efforts they make are needed by the church, the kingdom, and numerous individuals. A kind and worthy act confers immediate rewards — satisfaction, strengthened faith, and improved abilities. But such good deeds, frequently repeated, yield stronger Christian living through the years. Rather than exhausting us, such continued service adds to our resources for even more abundant life and effort.

Included in live spiritual response is continued striving toward the stature of the Master. Seeing him in worship and in Holy Writ, we are periodically encouraged to press on. No one can do it for us, and if we do not take the initiative our spiritual stream will stagnate.

Jesus had compassion on the multitudes which were without food, as upon many who were afflicted and handicapped. How well do we measure up to this way of feeling toward people? Do we allow sympathetic feelings, once aroused, to die? Or do we act upon their prompting? It is dangerous to neglect them. Jesus acted upon them without delay; so must we.

Diseases and injuries of the souls of men ought to elicit no less response from the Christian than bodily wounds and illness. What are we doing about the drunkards, falsifiers, deserters of families, persons of impurity and violence, and other despicable, but pathetic, figures? Jesus had mercy on an adultress and a robber. How far are we ready to go to rescue them? Or are they too filthy for our nice clean hands?

Christlike devotion prompts people to accept real inconvenience, actual sacrifice, and even deprivation for the sake of others who are in spiritual or physical need and for the great cause.

To these few suggestions, searching thought by Christian men will add many more. As we serve, God gives us larger vision and greater strength.

What can grown-ups do for young people in the home, the church, and the community?

We need to understand young people and sympathize with them. That is a big order for many adults, for it includes a lot.

We need to realize that the inner urges of youth are the same today as twenty thousand years ago. But at the same time, we cannot ignore the many changes in the society in which young people live. Each generation witnesses new ways of expressing old tendencies, plus new words and inflections. Adults ought to try to keep up with them. If they do not, they will be handicapped in dealing with the younger set.

The problems of young people are sometimes ignored by older men and women. They are treated as though they had no importance. But, actually, these issues are very real and they pose real difficulties for adolescents. Adults can be of large assistance to youth if they appreciate these problems, such as social worries, moral problems, the use of leisure, sex, finding the right life work, and coming to a full Christian faith. But older people cannot be of much help to young people unless they are sympathetic to their anxieties, difficulties, hindrances, ambitions, urges, and eagerness to become adults and to be recognized by the adults.

We need to realize that young people have ideals of life which they are eager to attain. By tactful and intelligent co-operation with them we can be of real help. It is impossible for young people to take on adult outlooks, but we can enter into theirs, if we try, for we have been through similar experiences. We can realize that they have many virtues, as well as some faults. They look to us for examples.

In home, church, and community we can help them to have satisfactory activities, social occasions, worship facilities, guidance, books, recreation and confidential counseling. If we'll be their friends, they'll be ours.

Topic of the Month

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The Challenge to Win the Outsider

Topic for September, 1946

AIM: To help the members of the Brotherhood to appreciate the importance of the church's program, particularly its Sunday school work, and to awaken and strengthen in them the eagerness to help reach the "outsider" with this program. NOTE: the topic material found below is merely suggestive and intended to stimulate thought. It is not necessary to use all of this material, nor even any part of it, at the September meeting. The important thing is to attain the aim for the month. If this can be better accomplished by using other materials or by following different procedures than those suggested below then the other materials and procedures should be employed. Under any circumstances the September meeting should result in definite action by members of the Brotherhood to help increase Sunday school enrollment.

Worship

Hymn, "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"—
No. 217 CSB., or No. 162 P.S.H.

Scripture: Romans 10:12-15

Prayer—Ask a member of the Brotherhood at least a week before the date of the meeting to be prepared to lead in prayer, asking God so to guide the leaders, the workers, and all members of the church school that an earnest endeavor may be made to win the "outsider" for the Sunday school and church.

Hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing"—
No. 218 C.S.B., or No. 164 P.S.H.

The Topic

Begin the meeting by calling for the report of the committee appointed at the August meeting. That committee was to prepare a report on the following questions:

1. What was our Sunday school enrollment one year ago?
2. What was our Sunday school enrollment one year ogo?
3. What is our Sunday school enrollment today?
4. What is the net percentage of gain or loss during the past five years? During the last year?
5. What efforts have been put forth to increase Sunday school enrollment?
6. What additional efforts should be made this year to increase Sunday school enrollment?
7. What part can members of the Brotherhood take in enlistment efforts of our church school?

Duscuss the committee's report in some detail. Raise such questions as: Is our Sunday school reaching as many people as it should reach? Are there any boys and girls, men and women within reach of our Sunday school that do not at present attend any Sunday school? What were the main reasons for a decreased or increased enrollment during the past year? Have our enlistment efforts been sporadic, or have they been carefully planned and sustained during the past year? What can members of the Brotherhood do to reach a larger number of people with Christian teaching through the medium of the Sunday school?

In 1919, the first year for which we have statistics in the United Lutheran Church, the Sunday school enrollment totaled 619,000. During the next fifteen years there was a steady increase in enrollment so that by 1934 we had reached an enrollment of 832,000. During the next five years there were net losses, so that by 1939 the enrollment had dropped back to 820,000, a loss of 12,000 in five years. During the next five years, 1939-1944, there were very sharp losses, and our enrolment dropped back to 733,000. In a single year, 1942, the Sunday schools of The United Lutheran Church lost almost 40,000 in enrolment. In 1943 the losses were 20,000. In 1944, the latest year for which we have complete statistics, the losses were only 2,200. But we were still headed in the wrong direction.

Why Decreased Enrollment?

Many reasons, and an even larger number of excuses, have been offered in explanation of the decreased Sunday school enrollment. Emphasis has been placed upon the fact that for many years there was a low birth rate, which naturally would have an adverse effect upon Sunday school enrollment. War conditions, work on seven days each week, swing shifts, transportation problems, shifting populations, a depleted leadership, the break down of the home—these and many other reasons have been offered in explanation of a decreased enrolment. While all these factors and many others contributed to Sunday school losses the truth still remains that these losses were taking place at the very time when less than half of the boys and girls growing up in America were receiving any kind of religious instruction, Roman Catholic, Jewish, or Protestant. These losses were taking place at a time when only about one-third of the adults in America were actively participating in the work of their congregations. Vast multitudes of men, women, young people, and children were not being reached with religious instruction, and yet most of our congregations put forth no special efforts to reach these teeming millions with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Whatever other reasons are given for the decreased Sunday school enrolment, and no matter how good and true the reasons may be, this one must certainly be included in the list: the Sunday school suffered decreased enrollment because the workers in our congregations were not sufficiently in earnest about carrying out the command of their Lord, "Go ye and make disciples." As far back as you and I can remember—and it was true even during the years when the Sunday school was suffering losses—the Sunday school was the agency that brought more people into church membership than any other agency. It was in the Sunday school that boys and girls whose parents never or rarely came to church received their Christian training. It was from the Sunday school that most boys and girls found their way into the pastor's catechetical class and eventually to the altar of God for confirmation. It was in Sunday school that young people and adults received further inspiration for Christian living. The Sunday school has been and still is the church's good right arm—her most effective educational agency. Surely the Sunday

school deserves the enthusiastic support of every member of the congregation who is really in earnest about promoting the Kingdom of God.

A New Day Dawning

We have every reason to believe that the Sunday school enrollment is again on the increase. While complete statistics for 1945 are not yet available the reports which have been coming to the Parish and Church School Board indicate that there were probably some gains in enrollment during that year, though not nearly as large as they should have been. But at least we are again headed in the right direction. To stimulate new enrollments for the Sunday school, and to help our congregations sponsor vigorous enlistment programs, the Parish and Church School Board has called Pastor William S. Avery as associate secretary and placed him in charge of Sunday school enlistment. Under his guidance effective demonstration programs have been conducted in various sections of the church, and the results have been almost phenomenal. Secretary Avery has worked out plans whereby present members of the Sunday school, beginning with little children, may serve as "Ambassadors for Christ" to enlist others. Secretary Avery will be happy to explain the enlistment program to anyone who will make inquiry, and he will be pleased to have congregations arrange through their synodical committees on parish education to have him come to their churches to guide in a demonstration enlistment program. The slogan which has been adopted is "A Million in Our Sunday Schools by 1950"! Secretary Avery and many other consecrated workers believe that this goal **can** be reached, and that under God's blessing and with the cooperation of church school workers everywhere this goal **will** be reached. (See the article, "Will We Reach a Million," by William S. Avery, in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN.)

What Can We Do?

Secretary Avery's article contains some practical suggestions which members of the Brotherhood might well adopt in order to help reach more people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Sunday school. Below are a few additional suggestions which should receive consideration. In each instance ask what you can do in your church to carry out the suggestion.

1. Have your Sunday school introduce the use of the Nursery Department Packet, or if this literature is used, cooperate more fully with workers so that they will be able to enroll a larger number of babies in the nursery department—children of unchurched families as well as the children of families belonging to your church.

3. Compare the membership list of the congregation with the membership list of Sunday school. Anyone who is a baptized member of the church but is not also a member of the Sunday school is a psopect for the Sunday school. Take definite steps to enlist these people.

4. Make increased and improved use of the home and extension department of the Sunday school. Enroll in this department all those who cannot or will not come to the regular Sunday school sessions.

5. Use the suggestions developed by Secretary Avery to conduct a community survey and a vigorous program of enlistment.

6. Introduce and use the "Ambassadors for Christ" program in your Sunday school.

Assignment of the Project for the October Meeting

Cf. the article, "Our Community's Outstanding Needs" in the current issue of LUTHEAN MEN.

Hymn, "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"—No. 212 C.S.B., or No. 278 P.S.H.

Lord's Prayer and Benediction

Fellowship and Refreshments

Alternate Topics

1. Ask the Sunday school superintendent or some other outstanding Sunday school leader to explain the Sunday school program to the Brotherhood, laying special emphasis upon plans for the future.

2. Invite a representative from a department of the Sunday school which showed rapid growth during the past year to explain what was done to bring about that growth.

3. Discuss how the Sunday school program for men could be improved, and plan to take the necessary steps to bring about the improvement.

Our Community's Outstanding Needs . . . Project for the October Meeting

Every community has needs—spiritual, educational, financial, etc. Brotherhood men should be studying these needs, and trying to meet them. Social Mission Boards or Inner Mission Boards develop definite programs to help meet some of these community needs, but the programs require the intelligent and enthusiastic support of men in the local congregation to implement them. What are the outstanding needs of your community? Do you need better recreational facilities? Do you need a public library? Do you need to improve the tone and spirit of some of the places where young people meet? Do you have troublesome liquor problems, sex problems, or race problems in your community? What are the particular needs of your community?

In preparation for next month's meeting two committees might be appointed to work independently and to bring in two separate reports on "Our Community's Outstanding Needs, and What Should Be Done to Meet These Needs." At the October meeting both reports should be presented and then compared and discussed.

Will We Reach A Million? . . .

By Wm. S. Avery

Secretary Avery is the head of the department of enlistment for the Parish and Church School Board.

A million in our Sunday schools by 1950! That is the challenging goal our United Lutheran Church sets before us through its Parish and Church School Board. Is it a goal that is attainable, or is it beyond reach?

At first glance it might seem beyond attainment. To reach it the enrollment will have to rise four times as fast as during these years when it rose most rapidly in our United Lutheran Church. Following the organization of the United Lutheran Church the Sunday school enrollment increased steadily for fifteen years. Year after year the enrollment went up and up. In that fifteen year period it increased 212,611 (14,174 yearly). But to reach a million by 1950, the enrollment will have to rise to 266,163 in five years (53,233 a year)! And this, not at a time when "success breeds success," but when a dangerous decline has to be stopped and turned in the other direction. Yes, we repeat, at first glance the goal seems beyond attainment.

But wait! Are we not forgetting something? What saith the Lord? Turning to Matthew 19:26 we hear Christ saying, " . . . with God all things are possible." Again in Matthew 19:22 Jesus speaks, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Here are two significant utterances. The one tells us that God has infinite

resources for the accomplishment of his purposes. The other tells us that we may ask that these resources be used to reach our goal and have the expectancy that the petition will be answered. Surely prayers for the extension of God's kingdom through the Sunday school and church will be granted.

Favorable Factors

Besides the power and might of God, without whose strength we can do nothing, there are certain other forces already at work which will help us attain our goal. For example, the war is over, and the war was one of the major causes of the Sunday school decline. It took thousands of our young people—leaders as well as pupils—away from home. It upset working conditions with swing-shift hours and migrations to defense industry areas. It left hundreds of churches without pastors, at least temporarily. It hampered the home mission expansion program of the church. All these and other negative factors are now being removed, not at once it is true, but removed nevertheless.

Again, the birth rate is higher once more. The declining birth rate was also one of the causes contributing to the declining Sunday school. But during the war years babies were born in America at the rate of six every minute. This increase is already being felt in our Sunday schools. In 1944 the total enrollment in our Sunday schools declined only 2000. This seems almost like a gain when compared to the declines of 20,000, 40,000 and 18,000 in the three previous years. But of more significance — **there was a gain of almost 4000 in the nursery or cradle roll!** Frankly, all that is only one per congregation, and ten million babies were born in the last three years. But the opportunity is here, that is the point!

Among the other favorable factors is an increased emphasis upon evangelism and enlistment throughout Protstantism. During the period of the worst Sunday school decline eighteen major denominations lost from three to twenty-six per cent of their enrollment. But two sects, the Church of God and the Nazarenes, actually increased Sunday school enrollment twenty-seven and eight per cent respectively What is one of the outstanding characteristics of sects? Why it is zeal, enthusiasm, a passion for souls. And that is just what the conservative churches lack according to their leaders and our own pastors. But most of these demoninations are now swinging the other way and putting great emphasis upon winning souls to the kingdom. In our own church the Board of Social Missions has promoted a program of lay evangelism for several years. Now the Parish and Church School Board has added an associate secretary whose entire work is in the field of enlistment, winning people to Christ through the Sunday school. These denominational emphases have led the International Council of Religious Education to stress this field for the next few years. The fact that all of Protestantism will be working along the same line ought to give us an added incentive and impetus as we seek a million in our Sunday schools by 1950.

In the light of the above favorable trends, it seems that we have a splendid opportunity of reaching our goal of a million. But Lutheran men dare not be content to sit on the side lines and hope that the trends will take care of the situation. Indeed the trends will not do it. It is only as we take advantage of the trends by putting forth extra effort ourselves that we will capitalize on them. Therefore Lutheran men will want to know what specific tasks they can do to help.

Tasks for Lutheran Men

To start with, Lutheran men will want to pray. As we said before, we can confidently expect God to grant our prayers when they are for the extension of his kingdom. But we must become very specific. For example, this little prayer is included in a tract, "Let Us Pray," prepared by the Parish and Church School Board: "O God, I humbly pray Thee to hear my prayer for (insert name) and for me. Guide me and strengthen me to seek him (her) for our Sunday school, and lead him (her) gladly to come and learn of Thee. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen." Some such prayer as this ought to lead every member of the Brotherhood to become a willing instrument in God's hands, helping to make your own prayer come true.

Members of the Brotherhood will also want to get a proper example for others. There is a story that tells of the hazardous struggles to safety of a man and his son who were caught in a blinding snow storm. When they first started out the young boy took the lead, but soon he had to give it up because of its difficulties. Exchanging places the father strode ahead through the drifts. At one time they came to a sheltering rock where they stopped to rest. It was there that the father asked, "How are you making it, son? Do you think you'll be able to go the rest of the way?" And the reply came, "Yes, I'll be able to make it dad. You see, I'm following in your footsteps." **I'm following in your footsteps!** What a significant remark that is. It is not only during snow storms, but during every moment of a child's formative years that he is literally following in the footsteps of his elders. What father will not want to break the way through the storms and difficulties of this life for his son or daughter? If those who are parents want their children to have and to be the best, then they will want them to go to Sunday school. And going with them is far, far better than sending them. Example still speaks louder than words!

"But," you say, "there is no adult class in our Sunday school." The answer to that problem is, of course, "Start one!" It would be a good thing if every Lutheran Brotherhood actively supported a men's Bible class in the Sunday school of its congregation. Many Brotherhoods of course **are** men's Bible classes at the present time. Why should not the men of the church have the opportunity to learn more of God's Word every Sunday as they study and discuss it together in an organized class? In this way the weekly Bible study will supplement the monthly Brotherhood topics, and vice versa. Organizing such classes would be one of the best ways to help in reaching our goal.

Finally, there is the opportunity for visitation. As mentioned before, our Board of Social Missions has promoted a program of lay evangelism for several years. We suggest that Brotherhoods obtain their literature, study, and use it. The Sunday school enlistment program of the Parish and Church School Board is using similar methods. In Hickory, N. C., last fall, teams of laymen and women from ten congregations called in 229 homes and obtained 240 signed commitments to attend Sunday school. A by-product of this visitation was that several men who would never attend Brotherhood meetings before were persuaded to come that very week! A

visitation in the interest of the church or Sunday school cannot help but benefit the entire program of the congregation and its auxiliaries. Ask your pastor to use your Brotherhood for such a visitation. If every congregation holds enlistment visitations at least once a year, there shall be "a million in our Sunday schools by 1950!"

We need not go to foreign clime,
Nor e'en outside the county line,
To win a soul for Christ.
For the boy who lives across the way,
Or the man we meet day by day,
May be our soul for Christ.

We need not speak in accents great,
Nor for more strength and courage wait,
To win a soul for Christ.
For God the Father doth us lead,
His Spirit gives us all we need,
To win a soul for Christ.

So let us then in faith go forth,
From east to west and south to north,
To win a soul for Christ.
And when at last we lay us down,
We'll know a star is in our crown,
The soul we won for Christ.

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Stewardship News Briefs . . .

By Henry Eudrers

The write is Associate Secretary for the Layman's Movement.

"Every day in the field re-emphasizes the truth that our Church is not only ready, but eager, for a real stewardship advance," says Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, stewardship secretary of the United Lutheran Church, after visits to Lutheran groups in all parts of the United States and Canada.

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, is within reach of its 50-50 balanced budget goal of $25,000 for the local congregation and $25,000 for the wider church. Pastor Ralph W. Loew reports oversubscription is in sight.

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Pastor Eugene R. Harrison of Zion Church, Hutchinson, Kan., writes: "Ffty per cent of our loose offerings and, in addition twenty-five per cent of our special offerings go to benevolences."

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up . . . Up . . . UP goes the membership of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship—a body of Lutheran men from all parts of the church who are contributing from $100 to $1,000 each year so that the Movement can support the Church's expanding program of stewardship. The membership has reached 200, a total of 112 men joining since September 1. The headquarters of the Movement are in the Lutheran Church House, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16.

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"Our giving was an average of almost nine dollars per communicant for the month of April," reports Advent Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, the Rev. Henry Scherer, pastor. On the basis of a year, this would mean $108 per communing member as compared with 1945's record of $93.12 at Advent Church.

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"Everyone put in something for benevolence this week. Let no envelopes be recorded without RED SIDE gifts." — Bulletin, St. Mark's Church, Scranton, Pa., the Rev. John A. Kaercher, pastor.

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"This 50-50 budget plan of half for the local congregation and half for the wider church: Suggested it to Catechumens for years . . . think our Church might adopt it in their budget this coming November, as our 1945 giving was 44.2% for benevolences," writes an enthusiastic pastor.

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Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton

Secretary for Stewardship, United Lutheran Church in America, and Executive Director of Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship.

Clarence C. Stoughton is a native of Rochester, N. Y., and a graduate of the University of Rochester, class of 1918. During his college days he was a reporter on the staff of the Rochester TIMES UNION. Following service in France in the United States Army Aerial Photography Division, No. 21, he became an instructor at Webster High school, Webster, New York. He received his M. A. degree from Columbia University in 1922. Gettysburg College conferred the honorary LL.D. upon him in 1941, and he was awarded the honorary Litt.D. by Muhlenberg College in 1942.

Dr. Stoughton was called to the staff of Wagner College, Staten Island, in 1919 to teach English and history. In 1927 he resigned to become secretary of a State Island real estate firm. At the time of his resignation he was principal of the high school department. He was elected to the college Board of Trustees and became its treasurer. In 1932 he returned to full time service at Wagner College as registrar, and was later made acting dean. In 1935 he was elected the first lay president of the college, serving as such until September, 1945, when he accepted the call of The United Lutheran Church in America to become its Stewardship Secretary.

He has served as president of the Staten Island Kiwanis Club, twice as chairman of the State Island Community Chest campaigns, as a trustee of the Staten Island Hospital and as chairman of its Training School for Nurses. He served as president of the Staten Island Federation of Churches, and chairman of the Staten Island Council for World Peace. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Council of Social Agencies.

Dr. Stoughton is also a member of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York Adult Education Association, and of the Greater New York Federation of Churches. He is a member of the New York Academy of Public Education, a member of the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, and a member of the United Lutheran Church Commission on the Federal Council of Churches.

He is a councilman in his own congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Stapleton, Staten Island.

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